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FOR SECRETARY SOBER FROM AMBASSADOR HELMS

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJ: TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR--MILITARY AIRLIFT FOR
EXHIBIT MATERIALS

1. EMBASSY REQUIRED TRANSPORT TWO ITEMS TO TEHRAN FOR USE AMERICAN PAVILION AT TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR, AND DURING RECENT VISIT OF GENERAL JONES, CHIEF STAFF AIR FORCE, CHARGE APPROACHED HIM RE POSSIBILITY OF MILITARY AIRLIFT.

2. ITEMS FOR WHICH AIRLIFT REQUESTED ARE: INFLATABLE AIR STRUCTURE (TENT-TYPE BUILDING TO SERVE AS EXHIBIT PAVILION); CAN BE DELIVERED TO DESIGNATED EAST COAST POINT EARLY JULY, REQUIRED IN TEHRAN BY AUGUST 10 AT LATEST; GROSS WEIGHT 20,000 POUNDS, CUBIC DIMENSIONS 40 FEET X 8 X 8. USIS CENTERPIECE EXHIBIT; AVAILABLE IN KINSHASA MID-JULY, REQUIRED IN TEHRAN BY SEPTEMBER 1; EXHIBIT PACKED IN 14 CRATES, WEIGHING 3,800 POUNDS, 672 CUBIC FEET.

3. ARMISH MAAG CHIEF RECEIVED CABLE DATED MAY 2 FROM JONES STATING THAT ACCORDING DOD DIRECTIVE 4500.9 STATE DEPARTMENT MUST SPONSOR REQUEST AND CERTIFY TO NATIONAL INTEREST INVOLVED AND NONAVAILABILITY COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT AND PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE. MESSAGE CONTINUES THAT COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE BUT IF SECRETARY DEF APPROVES REQUEST TRANSPORT CAN BE ARRANGED IN CASE OF AIR STRUCTURE VIA MAC CHANNEL DOVER TO TEHRAN AND IN CASE OF EXHIBIT FROM ZIARE TO US VIA MAC CHANNEL FOR SUBSEQUENT MOVEMENT TO IRAN VIA DOVER CHANNEL. MESSAGE CONCLUDES THAT JUSTIFICATION
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SHOULD BE PLACED THROUGH STATE CHANNELS FOR APPROVAL SEC DEF.

4. JUSTIFICATION AS FOLLOWS: (A) WITH ESTABLISHMENT US-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION, USG HAS PLACED CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS ON EXPANDED COMMERICAL RELATIONSHIP WITH IRAN AND MAJOR EFFORT BY USG AT TRADE FAIR WOULD BE VISIBLE AND USEFUL SYMBOL OF THIS RELATIONSHIP. AIR STRUCTURE AND USIS EXHIBIT ESSENTIAL FOR IMPRESSIVE EXHIBIT, AND DUE LIMITED BUDGET, COST COMMERICAL TRANSPORT THESE ITEMS (EST. \$23,000) IS PROHIBITIVE.

(B) MAC CHANNEL WOULD PROVIDE EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING, LESS DAMAGE (INCLUDING MILDEW DAMAGE) AND TIMELY DELIVERY. TIMELY DELIVERY ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR AIR STRUCTURE SINCE ONLY AVAIL-ABLE MEANS COMMERCIAL TRANSPORT FOR CONTAINER THIS SIZE IS SEA FREIGHT, WHICH WOULD INVOLVE LONG DELAY (1-2 MONTHS) AT CONGESTED IRANIAN PORTS.

5. ANSWERS OTHER QUESTIONS POSED IN CHIEF STAFF AIR FORCE'S CABLE ARE (A) ROUTING OUTLINED PARA 3 ABOVE SATISFACTORY AND (B) BILL FOR AIRLIFT SHOULD BE SENT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE, US EMBASSY TEHRAN. ASSUME BILL WILL NOT EXCEED \$10,000.

6. I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR PURSUING AIRLIFT THROUGH CHANNELS AND ADVISING ME BY END OF MAY ON RESPONSE.
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